

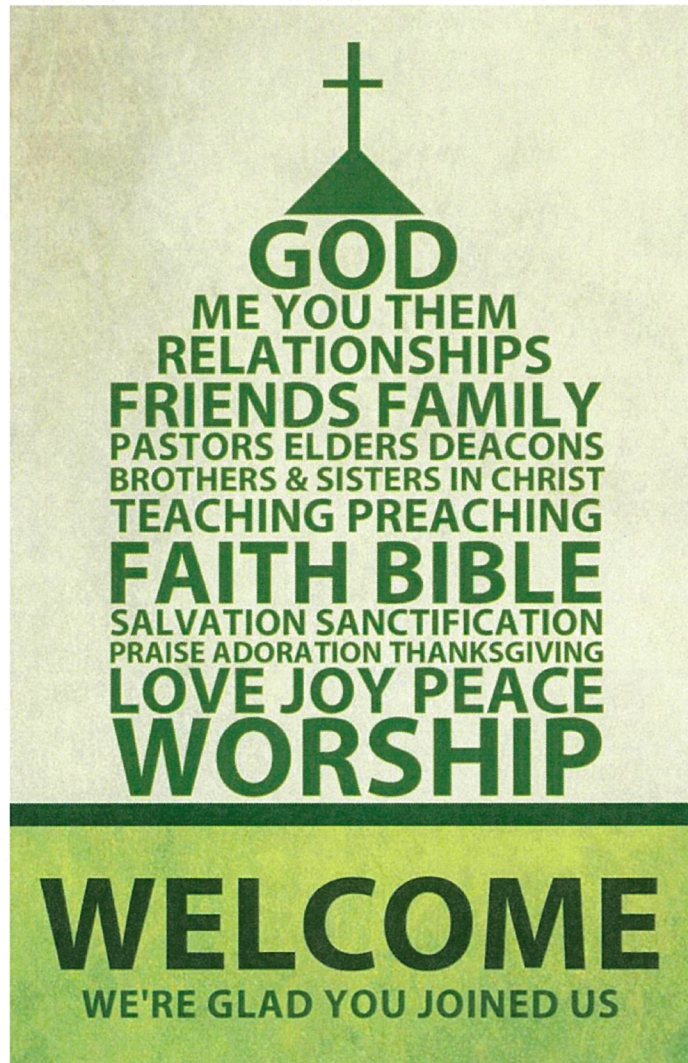
CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



MARCH 10, 2024



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday worship service is at 10:00am
on-site and online

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Melissa Bloom (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Nelly Booty (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Cadow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Virginia Conrad—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Kathy Duncan (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Cancer
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Steven Hill (cousin of Tracy Rossman)—Recovering From Stroke
- Kristin Klarkowski—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—Health Concerns
- Rebecca (Melissa Freesh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—(Life Concerns)
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire (Daughter of Pam Landon)—Health Concerns
- Tom Stevens (Friend of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Lee Stenehjem

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill out a card in the Narthex.

Prayer of the Week

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Saints and Sinners 2024

Sign-up for the 2024 Saints and Sinners small group fellowship program is now open.

You can sign -up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) or email Wayne Burrus at

wburrus@earthlink.net. We will need your name(s), best contact phone number and email address.

Saints and Sinners is a popular “Small Groups” fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both singles and couples.

The purpose of Saints and Sinners is to build and foster fellowship so that we can get to know each other on a more personal level and, by doing so, build a stronger church body.

All are invited to join—Living Water members, potential members, and attendees. This fellowship is especially good for new members and those that may be contemplating joining Living Water. It’s a relaxed and friendly way to get to know each other a little better.

The program is only two months long, February and March. Each small group will have an activity or get together of some sort in each month. The leader (captain) of each small group will organize an activity such as a dinner at home, miniature golf, concert, happy hour...and more. The captains are usually pretty inventive.

We will be forming the small groups in early January, so please sign up as soon as possible.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center
7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.
Carefree, AZ 85377



If interested in carpooling, please contact
Wayne Burrus

\$7 for breakfast

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlc.org**

Wednesdays in Lent

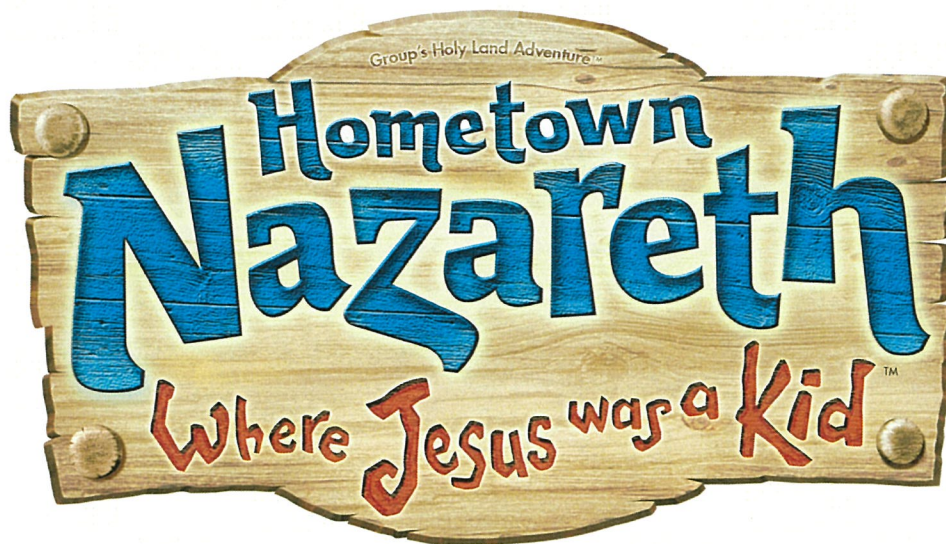
March 13 and 20

5:30pm Soup Supper

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study

7:00pm Lenten Worship Service





Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to lwlcas.org/vbs2024 to register your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends.

Date/Time: June 17-21, 9-11:30am

Theme: "Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a Kid"

Join us as we explore the culture of ancient Nazareth - the hometown of Jesus - and get the inside scoop on what it was like when Jesus was a kid. Each day of the week is filled with great music, meaningful Bible stories, fun and games, awesome crafts and a delicious take-home snack.

Registration is free and each child will receive a one-of-a kind t-shirt. We welcome kids age 4 through 6th grade.

We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help us before and during VBS. If you are interested, please contact Kris Crow at vbs@lwlcas.org or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!

New Member Orientation/Dinner

Are you curious about **membership** at
Living Water Lutheran Church?

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If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative
Orientation/Dinner to tell you more about Living Water
on **Saturday March 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00pm.**

If you would like to attend, please **rsvp** via the
front office:

phone: **480-473-8400**

or

email: **office@lwlcaz.org**

(subject: New Member Orientation)



New Member

Orientation

3/23



An invitation from Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer:

In honor of [ELCA World Hunger](#)'s 50th year in mission and ministry, the 5 synods in ELCA Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. The challenge: Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent, 2024. The synod with the most participants wins!

How does the 40- 40- 40 Lenten Challenge work? There are 4 Lenten practices to consider, and you commit to 3 of the 4. The Synod with the most individuals participating wins the challenge!

1. **Daily Devotion** ~ *Subscribe to receive daily email devotions for Lent or use ELCA World Hunger pre-made devotions. [Learn more.](#)*
2. **Daily Discipline** ~ *Do one wellness activity every day. Maybe it's your daily workout, maybe is a 1-mile walk a day. Maybe it's taking an extra flight of stairs or an extra glass of water. [Read more.](#)*
3. **Daily Declutter** ~ *Once a day find a way to daily de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune. It could be cleaning out the garage, cleaning your calendar, or finding some time to de-clutter a desk or drawer and donating gently used items. [Get ideas.](#)*
4. **Daily Donation** ~ *Pledge to give \$1a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent. [Ways to give.](#) Watch for the special World Hunger offering envelope in the Connections on Palm Sunday!*

In honor of ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary in 2024, **our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate. Join others already signed up from Living Water! The more individual sign-ups, the better.**

Ready to sign up? Go to www.lentenchallenge.org

Save the Date

Musical Instrument Museum
"VIP Behind the Scenes Tour"

10 AM Saturday
April 27, 2024

Join us for lunch following the tour!

Please join us for this informative tour, organized by Great Gatherings, and discover how exhibits are created and instruments are repaired.

Visit the theatre backstage and more at the world's only global musical instrument museum.

More details and sign up to follow!

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Personal Care Kits for LWR

Feb 18 – March 24, 2024

Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, February 18 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 24.**



Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

We can give hope through these 5 items:

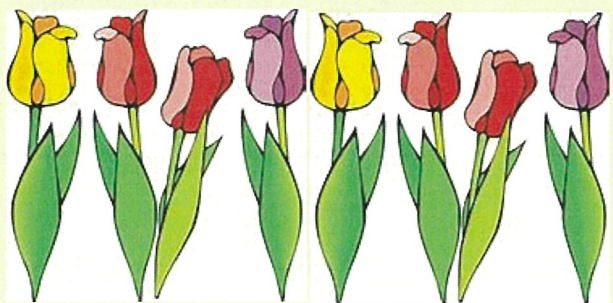
- **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred.** Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 27"**. It should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR. Lightweight bath towels are easier for recipients to handwash and air dry, take less storage space, and are less expensive than the fluffy towels we might enjoy.
- **1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping****
- **1 wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb) and**
- **1 metal nail clipper (for fingernails OR toenails), with or without a nail file attached.**
We CANNOT use emery boards.

**we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can. However, we'll make up kits if you want to focus on only a certain item or items. There is a collection bin in the church entryway. We will also accept cash/check gifts with PCK in the memo line. Make the check out to Living Water Lutheran Church.

Once again we've requested financial support from a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 125 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Ron Ophaug at ronophaug@yahoo.com or Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

Easter Sunday
March 31st
worship times:



Sunrise Service 6:30am
Easter Sunday Worship 8:00am
Easter Brunch 9:00am
Easter Worship 10:00am

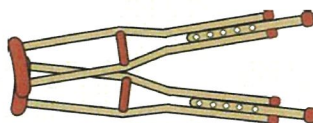
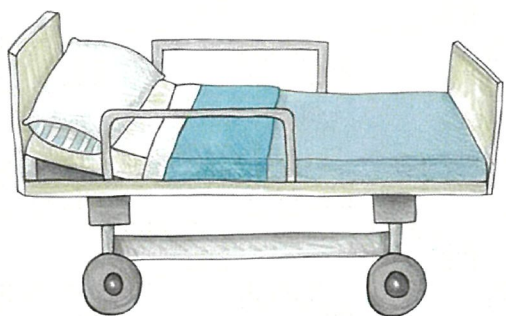
Medical Lending Library Ministry

What: It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.

Who: Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

How: Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

When: We will collect them on Sundays,
March 10 and 17 at Living Water.





Moonlight and Music

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm

- Live Music by our own LWLC Band*
- Appetizers and desserts*



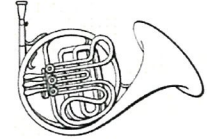
We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening on the Living Water Lutheran Church patio. Reservations are \$25/person and can be made up until Sunday, March 17. All proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip.

Thank you for your support of our young people who are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer.



“FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS” FILM

Palm Sunday evening, March 24 at 6: 00 PM
New Covenant Lutheran Church
15152 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale

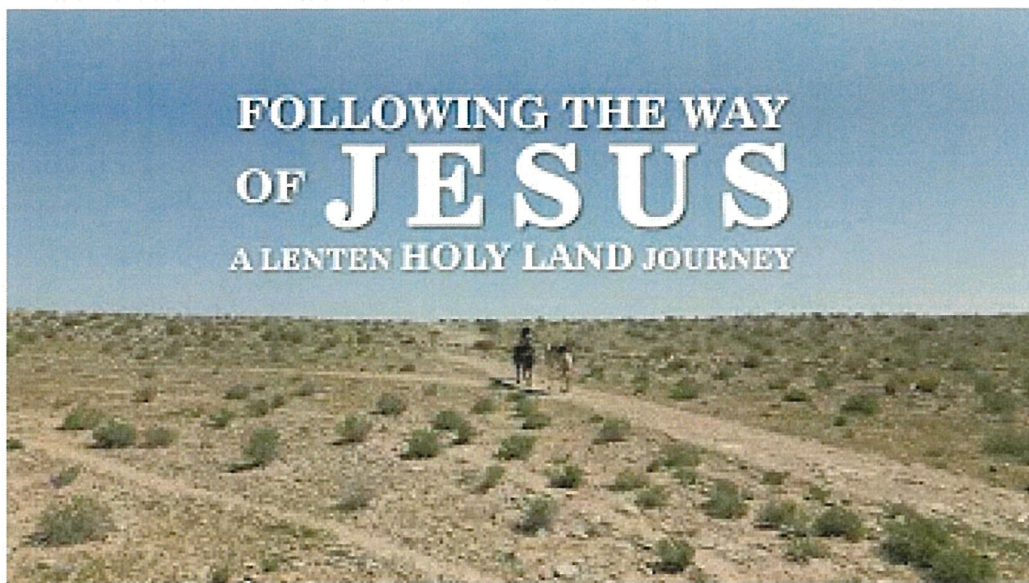


Bob Rognlien is a Lutheran pastor who has been leading historically informed, spiritually focused pilgrimages based on the life of Jesus for over thirty years. He has now produced a non-profit, feature-length documentary that captures the unique experience of visiting the historical sites that illuminate the life of Jesus. Premiere showings will be on Palm Sunday weekend, including on Palm Sunday evening at New Covenant Lutheran Church in Scottsdale. Come on a journey that will change the way you see Jesus and how you can let Him shape and change your life. Pastor Rognlien writes, “This film is designed to give viewers a taste of the ‘real Jesus’ and stir up in them a hunger to know Him more fully and follow Him more closely.” Here is a link to the trailer - [FOLLOWING the FOOTSTEPS](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knitters and crocheters - help us build the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Living Water currently presents prayer blankets at baptisms; we would like to expand the reach of such gifts – shawls, especially - to offer comfort to those who are experiencing illness, grief, or any of life’s trials

There is an easy-to-follow pattern available as well as a sample prayer shawl for inspiration. Please contact Kathie Schroedel at dakschroedel@yahoo.com or 608-695-5120 for more details. We are excited to get more talent involved with this ministry! Join us!



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Tuesday mornings for a 6-week study on SUMUD: Following the Way of Jesus: A Lenten Holy Land Journey. We'll use material provided by the ELCA, including videos, scripture readings and discussion questions.

We began this study on March 5 at 10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Zoom connection as well. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are provided.

Bring your favorite Bible translation and join us every Tuesday morning.

Palm Sunday is March 24th
Worship Service at 10:00am



Save the Date!

**It will soon be Pastor Mark's
10th Anniversary with Living Water!**

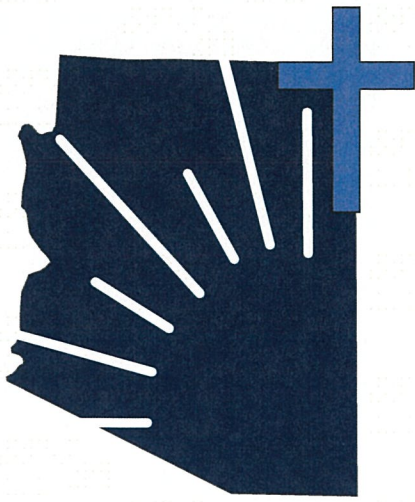
**We will celebrate this momentous
occasion with
a presentation and breakfast
following service**

on

Sunday, March 17th.



**We appreciate your dedication
to Living Water
Pastor Mark!**



LONELINESS and CHRISTIANITY

Saturday, April 13, 2024
Living Water Lutheran Church
Scottsdale, AZ

You're invited to

“Loneliness: How to live and serve faithfully to those within our community”

with presenter Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes,
Associate Vice President for Mission and Identity
at California Lutheran University

Loneliness has been called a public health crisis. Recent research suggests that it is helpful to think of loneliness like we think of hunger or thirst—as a sign to get our attention and prepare us for action. Christian faith gives us two types of action to respond to loneliness: 1) connecting with others and 2) cultivating aloneness with God. We will explore both types of action in our time together, with large group exploration and small group breakouts to go deeper into opportunities to serve and to grow.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 1-4pm - Reception to follow.

Living Water Lutheran Church - 9201 E. Happy Valley Road - Scottsdale, AZ 85255

To register for free, please go to: <https://forms.gle/B1w3iGwvLwtkwtV36>
or use QR Code below, by April 5, 2024.

Space is limited. Please email NEVCevent@lwlcaz.org with questions.

A virtual option
to attend
will also be
available.



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NORTHEAST
VALLEY
CONSORTIUM

Adult Forum
March 24 at 9:00 AM

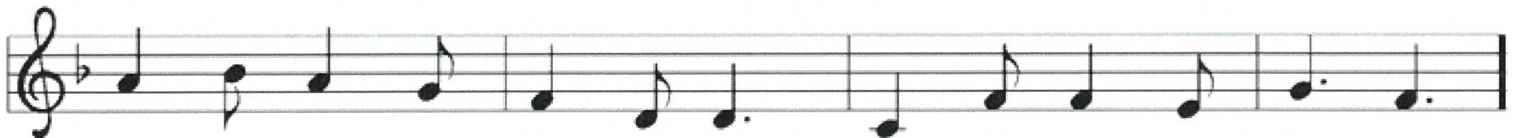
A Look at Luther

Join Pastor Mark and Rick Steves
as we take a look at the life, legacy
and theology of Martin Luther

Gathering Hymn... "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

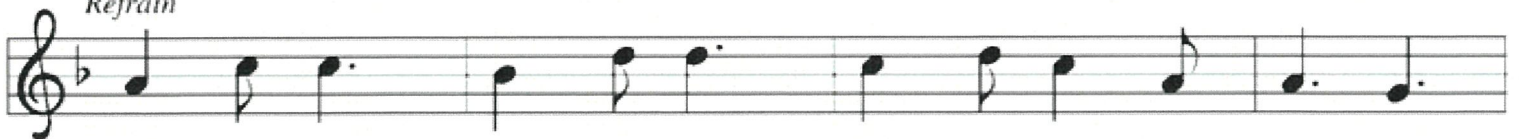


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Sermon Song... "Lift Every Voice and Sing"



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

continued.....



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954



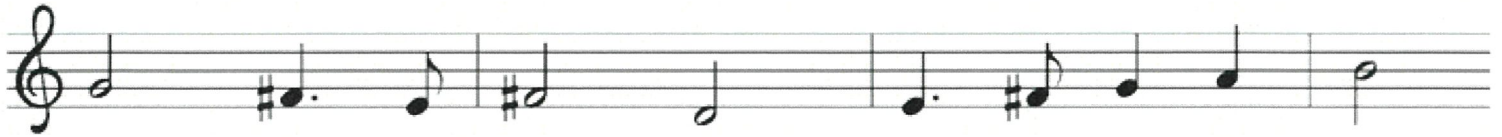
Sending Song..“Lift High The Cross”



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."



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Publication Deadlines:
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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